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Private Facilities and Public Hospitals

Children under the age of 19 who meet one or more of the following criteria are VVFC vaccine eligible at a **PRIVATE** physician's office or a **PUBLIC** hospital:

- Enrolled in Medicaid, including Medicaid HMO's (Healthkeepers Plus, CareNet, etc.)
- Have no health insurance
- American Indian or Alaskan Native

FQHC/RHC Facilities

Children under the age of 19 who meet one or more of the following criteria are VVFC vaccine eligible at a **PUBLIC** facility (FQHC/RHC only):

- Enrolled in Medicaid, including Medicaid HMO's (SFC, Healthkeepers Plus, CareNet, etc.)
- Have no health insurance
- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Have health insurance that does not cover vaccinations (underinsured)

Non-VVFC Eligible Children at a FQHC/RHC Facility or a Public Hospital:

Patients who are ***NOT VVFC eligible and under the age of 19*** may receive routine vaccines required for school entry free of charge using stock supplied by VVFC. These vaccines include DTaP, Hib, IPV, MMR and Varicella. Patients may also receive Hepatitis B vaccine free of charge consistent with the following policy:

Hepatitis B Vaccine should be administered free of charge to all children born on or after January 1, 1994. Hepatitis B vaccines should also be provided at no cost to children who entered 6th grade on or after July 1, 2001.

Patients who are not VVFC eligible and who do not meet the above criteria for Hepatitis B vaccine should receive privately purchased Hepatitis B vaccine from the facility with the cost charged to the patient.

Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (Prevnar): Pevnar is only available for VVFC eligible children. Patients who are not VVFC eligible should receive privately purchased Pevnar at a public facility.

Adult Immunizations (19 years and up) The following routine vaccines should be administered free of charge using stock supplied by GIV to all adults at a public facility: MMR, IPV, Td.

If you are not sure if your facility is classified as PUBLIC or PRIVATE, please contact your VVFC Consultant.



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Out of State VFC Eligible Children

Children should be vaccinated with vaccine supplied by the state in which the private provider's office is located. Providers should include border state children in their VVFC profile estimates on their registration form. Be sure to bill the patient's Medicaid issuing state for the administration fee. To do this, the physician must hold a Medicaid number from the neighboring state.

Illegal aliens should be screened for VVFC eligibility just like U.S. citizens. If their native country insurance covers vaccines, then they should be vaccinated with private stock. If they do not have insurance, then they should be vaccinated with VVFC stock. If they have insurance that does not cover vaccines, they should be vaccinated at a PUBLIC facility with VVFC stock or at a PRIVATE facility with private stock.

Medicaid Eligibility Reference

Medallion

0-18 years—eligible for VVFC

- ▶ Department of Medical Assistance (DMAS) will not reimburse for acquisition cost of vaccines provided for free by VVFC
- ▶ DMAS will reimburse the provider an administration fee and
- ▶ An appropriate office visit fee

19-20 years—not eligible for VVFC

- ▶ DMAS will reimburse for cost of vaccines (CPT codes) and
- ▶ An appropriate office visit fee
- ▶ DMAS will not reimburse for an administration fee

Medallion II

0-18 years—eligible for VVFC

- ▶ DMAS will not reimburse for acquisition cost of vaccines provided for free by VVFC
- ▶ DMAS will reimburse the provider an administration fee (\$11.00) and
- ▶ An appropriate office visit fee
- ▶ Medallion II is administered by Virginia Premier, Sentara Family Care, UniCare Health Plan, CareNet and Trigon HealthKeepers Plus.

Check the print on insurance cards to determine if children are enrolled in Medicaid Managed Care, rather than FAMIS.



Medallion PCPs are required to participate in VVFC by their Medallion contract.

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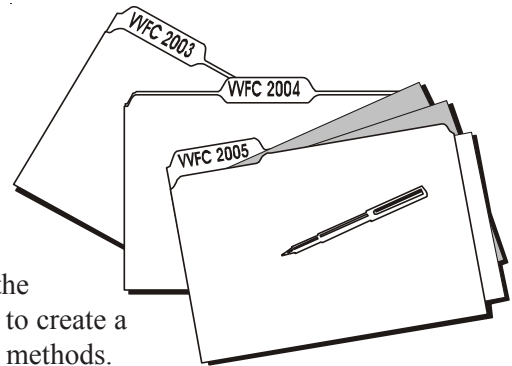
Children Not Eligible for VVFC

- ☒ Underinsured children at a **PRIVATE** physician's office only
(private insurance doesn't cover immunizations)
- ☒ FAMIS administered by:
 - CareNet FAMIS
 - Sentara FAMIS
 - Trigon HealthKeepers Plus FAMIS
 - UNICARE FAMIS
 - VA Premier FAMIS

Use your private vaccine stock. Do not use VVFC vaccines. To bill, use the appropriate CPT codes to be reimbursed for the vaccine serum and the administration/injection.

Screening Documentation

The VVFC program provides federally purchased vaccine free of charge to facilities for administration to VVFC eligible patients. To assure VVFC vaccine is administered to eligible patients, each patient should be screened using one of the VVFC screening forms. The original is to be placed in the patient's file.



Your practice may use the VVFC Eligibility Screening Record, the VVFC Vaccine Administration and Screening Record, or you may elect to create a form yourself. The VVFC office must approve all alternative screening methods.

If your facility uses the Patient Eligibility Screening Record, the VVFC office recommends a second copy be kept in a file designated for all the medical facility's VVFC eligible children. Although this is recommended and not required, a consolidated second file will help track the number of VVFC children your practice has as patients. This information will assist your practice in annually updating your practice's enrollment profile because the form tracks the child's age and reason for eligibility.

A Patient Eligibility Screening Record must be completed for each child. If a child's reason for eligibility changes, a second screening record should be completed. If a Patient Eligibility Screening Record has been completed, is on file, and you see the same child at a later date, you must ask if their eligibility status or reason for eligibility has changed. If a VVFC eligible child becomes ineligible, the old screening form should be crossed out and dated. Outdated Patient Eligibility Screening Records must be kept in the patient's chart for three years.

If your facility used the VVFC Vaccine Administration and Screening Record, the child must still be screened for VVFC eligibility at each visit; however, screening is recorded in a special column located on the administration record. This column allows for documentation at each vaccine administration and requires no additional paper if eligibility changes. A copy of the Patient Eligibility Screening Record and the VVFC Vaccine Administration and Record can be found in the forms section of this handbook.